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In re Patent Application of:
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For: RUBBER/SHORT FIBER MASTER BATCH
AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF
AND PNEUMATIC TIRES USING SUCH
MASTER BATCH

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

Foreign Documents 1-4 were cited in the first office action issued in JP 2005-154228, a counterpart application. Relevance of Documents 1 and 3 can be found in their attached English

language abstracts. UK-A-2138430 (submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed July 31, 2006) is an English language counterpart to Foreign Document 2. Foreign Document 5 is an English language counterpart to Foreign Document 4.

Foreign Documents 6, 8 and 9 were cited in a second office action mailed December 5, 2006. Relevance of Foreign Document 9 can be found in its attached English language abstract. Relevance of Foreign Document 8 can be found in the attached English language abstract of PCT/FR1999/000240, a PCT counterpart application of Foreign Document 8. Foreign Document 7 is an English language counterpart to Foreign Document 6.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to therein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21713-00033-US1.

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